

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Team Cherokee of The Scholastic Clay Target Program for its exceptional performances in state and regional championship divisions of trap, skeet, and sporting clays.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly often pause to recognize those sterling scholastic sporting organizations whose efforts bring honor to both their participants and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Team Cherokee of The Scholastic Clay Target Program of Kingsport is one such organization; the exceptional young men in this program recently captured many victories during the state and regional championships for their sport, competing with the objective to one day earn scholarships for their college education in trap, skeet and sporting clays; and

WHEREAS, throughout the state competition in Nashville, Tennessee, held in June, 2010, Team Cherokee exhibited the highest levels of skill and talent, and as a result, the program brought home the state championship in junior varsity skeet, as well as taking third place in the same event and placing first in the sporting clays tournament; and

WHEREAS, Cal Sutherland, intermediate level, took high gun alternate in skeet; Jesse Brandon, another exemplary young gentleman, took high gun alternate in junior varsity trap and his esteemed teammate, Peyton Horton, placed runner-up in the same competition; and

WHEREAS, at the Region Four competition held in May, 2010, Team Cherokee showcased its superb abilities in the classic sport of shooting by capturing first and third place in junior varsity skeet; and

WHEREAS, Cal Sutherland took high gun in intermediate entry level skeet, and his teammate John Logan Cassell took high gun in junior varsity skeet; the outstanding junior varsity team additionally took first in the Sports Unlimited trap tournament; and

WHEREAS, Team Cherokee is comprised of ten young exceptional gentleman; the junior varsity team, grades fourth and fifth, consists of Peyton Horton, Jesse Brandon, John Logan Cassell, Logan Dunlap, Hunter Hammonds, Michael Jennings and Casey Legg; the intermediate team, grades sixth through eighth, consists of Cal Sutherland and Brett Strum; and the collegiate members were Aaron Long and Reece Miller; and

WHEREAS, Team Cherokee is sponsored by the Cherokee Rod and Gun Club, under the noteworthy direction of Chris Long; Chris Long, along with Quintin Dunlap and Tim Williams, traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee, to become certified shotgun coaches in a class sponsored by the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long expertly serves as head coach, with Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Williams exemplifying excellence as assistant head coaches of this spectacular team; and

WHEREAS, Team Cherokee offers disciplines in trap, skeet and sporting clays, as well as the international disciplines of Olympic bunder trap and ISU skeet; and

WHEREAS, while these outstanding young men are talented in shooting, the team members also maintain strong academic records as a requirement for their participation in The Scholastic Clay Target Program; all of the first-rate young men of the junior varsity team hold at least a grade point average of 3.8; and

WHEREAS, Team Cherokee of The Scholastic Clay Target Program has found success at the highest levels of competition, and the dedication of its members to the pursuit of excellence is worthy of the formal recognition of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the coaches and members of Team Cherokee of The Scholastic Clay Target Program on their recent success at the state and regional competitions, applaud their highly successful season of trap, skeet and sporting clays shooting, and offer our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.